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August 10, 1949

Dear Pilgrim:

I wish to refer to my letter of July 29, 1949, and particularly to the last paragraph, and to enclose a translation of the communique that the Greek Government expects to publish upon the public announcement of the formation of the Albanian Committee.

As indicated in the enclosure to my letter of July 29th, Mr. Pipinelis, Under-Secretary of the Foreign Ministry, expressed his willingness to put out a communique upon the formation of the Committee. He drafted such a communique and gave a copy of it to us. We didn't like it and so [] redrafted it in the form that he felt would be most useful. We sent this draft back to Mr. Pipinelis who, after reading it, said he considered it a better job than what he had done. He took it to the Prime Minister and the latter approved it without altering a word.

Sincerely yours,

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The Greek Government has taken cognizance of the setting up of a Committee for Free Albania, aiming at the establishment of representative government in that country.

We are not surprised at these ~~endeavors~~ endeavors to accord liberty to the Albanian people, who are a proud people that have struggled for centuries to preserve their independence.

The long history of our two neighboring countries has proved that an understanding with the Albanian people is perfectly possible.

Having drawn from our history and from the present situation in the Balkans valuable lessons, we shall always be ready to seek the friendliest possible development of our relations with the Albanian people.

If a regime truly representative of the Albanian people is brought into being, we shall be ready to cooperate with it earnestly and with the friendliest feelings. Our claims and differences would not be an obstacle. We will press any claims only by peaceful means and within the framework of the United Nations.

Un comite pour l'Albanie libre est cre pour représenter tous ces Albanais qui veulent établir un gouvernement représentatif et les libertés fondamentales et humaines dans leur patrie. Le comite comprend les représentants des Albanais principaux dans le domaine social et politique et aura son siège principal a New York. Ce comite est composé de deux corps. Le comite executive comprenant:

Midhat Frasheri (President)

Abas Kupa

Said Kryeziu

Zef Pali

Hoci Kotta

Un comite general qui assistera le comite executive ayant comme:

Halil Machi

Abas Ermenjo

Vasil Andoni

Gago Gogo

Gani Tafili

Aslan Zeinelli

Ihsan Toptani

Muharem Bajraktar

~~Mustafa Gjoni~~

Rysni Muleti

Ekrem Telhai

~~Mustafa Gjoni~~

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REPLY

Le comite s'engage aux bouts suivants:

a: Guider et encourager nos peuples courageux dans leur resistance contre le cruel tyranie communist et organiser les Albanais a l'etranger d'aider effectivement cette resistance. Notre peuple dans l'Albanie doit savoir que l'opposition a l'oppression communiste est universale et que le pouvoir des nations libres et parlamentaires s'accroit rapidement.

b: Toutes les activites du comite a pour but la restauration complete de l'indpendence, la souverainete et l'integrite territoriale de la nation Albanais.

c: Le comite pour l'Albanie libre, sachant de la grande responsabilite, a pris sur soi-meme au nom des peuples Albanais demande l'assistance de tous les peuples libres et les pays libres et democratiques.

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